

SENATE BILL 333

By Yager

AN ACT to amend Chapter 225 of the Public Acts of 1959, as amended by Chapter 237 of the Public Acts of 1977, Chapter 176 of the Public Acts of 1993, and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the Citizens Gas Utility District of Scott County, Tennessee, and Morgan County, Tennessee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 225 of the Public Acts of 1959, as amended by Chapter 237 of the Public Acts of 1977, Chapter 176 of the Public Acts of 1993, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the language:

Representation on the board of trustees shall be apportioned so that, at all times, three (3) of the trustees shall be residents of Scott County and two (2) of the trustees shall be residents of Morgan County. Election of trustees shall be conducted so that the consumer owners of the district who reside in Scott County shall vote on each trustee to be elected from Scott County and the consumer owners of the district who reside in Morgan County shall vote on each trustee to be elected from Morgan County.

and substituting the following:

Beginning with the August 2025 election of the Scott County seat on the governing body of the Citizens Gas Utility District of Scott and Morgan counties, representation of the board of trustees shall be apportioned so that, at all times, two (2) of the trustees shall be residents of Scott County, two (2) of the trustees shall be residents of Morgan County, and one (1) of the trustees shall serve as an at large elected member who must reside in either Scott or Morgan County. The elected position of at large member shall appear on the Scott and Morgan

County ballots as "at large" candidates, to be voted for by District customers in Scott and Morgan counties. The August 2025 trustee election in Scott County shall establish the first and permanent "at large" trustee which shall be for a five (5) year term like other trustee offices. District customers shall continue to vote only within the geographical boundaries of their county residences or entity locations as evidenced by their meter registrations.

The board of trustees of the Citizens Gas Utility District of Scott and Morgan counties may vote to approve, as necessary or appropriate, through the establishment of its bylaws the collateral and logistical procedures necessary or appropriate to facilitate the operative details of conducting a public election for the "at large" commissioner seat, as it is authorized to do in all other trustee elections.

Such bylaws may contain, if deemed by the board of trustees to be legally necessary or appropriate, specific enactments to establish and clarify that all District customers residing in or having their entity located within the geographical boundaries of Fentress County and who are approved for service by the District are authorized to vote exclusively in Morgan County board of trustee elections and in at large trustee elections. However, such District customers residing in or having their entity located within the geographical boundaries of Fentress County shall not be qualified or authorized to run for election as a member of the board of trustees for the District.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.